

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 5/5¹

CHARTER FOR
INTERAGENCY CLANDESTINE COLLECTION PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
(Effective 24 February 1959)

1. Pursuant to NSCID's 1 and 5, the United States Intelligence Board hereby establishes the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee, hereinafter referred to as the IPC, to perform the functions set forth below in connection with determining priorities for the clandestine collection of information by the Central Intelligence Agency outside the United States and its possessions.

2. In accordance with the Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIO's) established by the United States Intelligence Board and promulgated by the Director of Central Intelligence, the IPC shall:

a. Determine those essential foreign information requirements of the United States Government whose fulfillment necessitates clandestine collection operations conducted by the Clandestine Services, CIA.² These requirements must be of such a nature as to exclude subjects that can normally be covered by non-clandestine collection methods.

b. Provide the Clandestine Services of CIA with comprehensive, periodically revised statements (IPC Lists) of such clandestine collection requirements, and of targets related thereto, with appropriate background information and clear assignments of priorities consistent with the PNIO's.

c. As necessary to meet unusual, critical or emergency situations, prepare special requirements for the guidance of CIA clandestine collection activities.

d. At the request of the Chairman or any member, assign priorities consistent with PNIO's to specific clandestine collection requests levied unilaterally by any department or agency on the Clandestine Services of CIA on subjects not covered in existing IPC Lists.

e. Perform other functions as necessary to assist CIA in the performance of its clandestine collection responsibilities.

3. Each department or agency represented on the United States Intelligence Board may nominate a principal and an alternate IPC member, each to have full authority to act for his department or agency in

¹ This Directive supersedes "Terms of Reference for the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee, 30 July 1951 (IAC-D-28/1, CIA Top Secret Number 36180)."

² The Clandestine Services is a title used herein to indicate that portion of CIA with responsibility for, and means of, conducting clandestine operations for the collection of information. The information consuming offices of CIA are identified herein by the symbol DDI.

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performance of the functions set forth in Paragraph 2 with particular attention to the determination that requirements submitted by his department or agency necessitate fulfillment by the Clandestine Services of CIA. DDI will provide a principal and an alternate member with authority and responsibility as noted above to represent the information consuming interests of CIA. The Chairman of the IPC, who will normally be a senior official of the Clandestine Services, will be appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence.

4. The IPC shall reach its decisions by agreement. When the Chairman determines that a given position on a matter under consideration represents the consensus of the IPC, it shall be considered agreed unless a dissenting member requests that the issue be referred to the United States Intelligence Board. In the event of such a request the Chairman shall refer the matter with dissenting statement to the United States Intelligence Board for decision.

5. Departments and agencies participating in the IPC will provide their representatives with sufficient support to ensure full and timely accomplishment of the Committee's functions. The Clandestine Services of CIA will provide the necessary Secretariat.

6. To assist the Clandestine Services, CIA, in planning operations against IPC targets, each participating department or agency will, on request of the Secretariat, provide target analyses of selected targets included in IPC Lists on the recommendation of that department or agency.

7. The IPC may constitute such task forces or working groups as the Committee considers necessary to discharge its responsibilities properly and may request the represented departments and agencies to furnish necessary support and assistance to such groups.

8. Members of the IPC will be briefed from time to time on the capabilities of the Clandestine Services of CIA to undertake clandestine collection operations.

9. When a department or agency represented on the IPC determines that an IPC List includes requirements and targets on which information is also wanted to satisfy Departmental Intelligence needs as defined in Paragraph 3, NSCID No. 3, it may request the IPC for permission to use such list or relevant portion thereof as guidance in conducting supplementary espionage provided for in Paragraph 4a, NSCID No. 5. Permission need not be requested when a department or agency uses its own contribution to an IPC List in the guidance of supplementary espionage to satisfy its Departmental Intelligence needs.

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